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On 18 November 1952, the following declaration of amnesty was published in North Korea in order to secure manpower for the conscription program:

"Regard the amnesty extended by the Standing Committee of the Supreme People's Council, Democratic People's Republic of Korea.

All people of Korea arise for the just war of liberation of the Fatherland against the imperialistic American aggression. The enemy's rash and thoughtless action during the war is arousing the resentment of all people against the enemy. The heroic struggle of all our people, at both the front and the rear, is awakening the patriotism of the people. Even the prisoners deeply resent the ruthless action of the imperialistic Americans and their dogs. The Standing Committee of the Supreme Council hereby adopts the following amnesty to give the prisoners an opportunity to expiate their sins by their struggling contribution for the nation:

- a. The penalty will not be enforced for those who have been sentenced to less than 3 years in prison.
- b. The period of imprisonment for those who were sentenced to more than 3 years and less than 7 years will be reduced to half the time that remains to be served.
- c. The period of imprisonment for those who were sentenced to more than 5 years will be reduced to one quarter of the time that remains to be served.
- d. Preliminary hearings for cases involving sentences of less than 3 years imprisonment will be dismissed if the crime was committed before the amnesty. Pending cases of more than 5 years sentence will be handled according to paragraphs b and c above.

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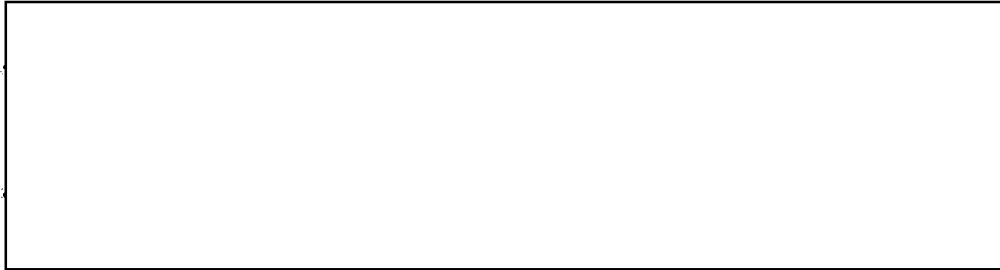
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- e. Those sentenced for murder, forgery of currency, arson, and espionage will not be affected by this amnesty."

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